

## SIEGEL'S FINANCIAL CRASH IS FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY WIFE'S SUIT FOR DIVORCE

New York, March 31.—Capping the climax of his business troubles, suit for divorce will be filed here today against Henry Siegel, former merchant-prince, whose financial collapse has involved not only thousands of depositors in his bank, but also threatens to cripple in a monetary way the social career of his wife, Marie Vaughn Wilde Siegel.

It is to protect her claims to a \$25,000-a-year settlement that Mrs. Siegel's divorce papers will be formally filed this afternoon.

Misconduct by Siegel with two women, Miss Smith of New York and Mrs. Eddy of Dorchester, Mass., is charged in statements on the pending divorce given out by Mrs. Siegel's lawyers. Neither of the two co-respondents is further identified.

Where some of the Siegel millions went before the Henry Siegel financial crash is revealed by a review of the career of his wife. In late years she was perhaps America's most lavish social climber. Following is a tabloid story of her remarkable career.

Marie Vaughn, born in Virginia, first married George N. Wilde, brother of Rear-Admiral Wilde, U. S. N.

Mrs. Wilde, widow, came to New York with two children, Georgine and Dorothy, in 1896 and became a reporter.

Met Henry Siegel while on a story. Married Siegel in 1898 and started to break into New York society.

Siegel bought a costly home at Eighty-second street and Park avenue in the aristocratic section, later bought a show place called "Driftwood" in an exclusive suburb at Mamaroneck, N. Y., and later still a town house in Park Lane, London.

In 1903 Mrs. Siegel made her first big social coup when she was a guest of Sir Thomas Lipton on his yacht, the Erin, and later on a trip to Chi-

cago. Next she entertained at Driftwood Lady Swettenham, wife of the British governor of Jamaica. Thus she "arrived."

In 1904 Mrs. Siegel went to London, where she was sponsored by Mrs. Arthur Paget. She entertained the Duchess of Sutherland and later was entertained by the duchess when Joseph Chamberlain was also a guest.

At a Victoria Hospital bazaar Mrs. Siegel obtained the autograph of Queen Alexander, a unique social feat.

In 1906 Mrs. Siegel married her stepdaughter, Miss Julie Siegel, to Tyrell William Cavendish, a relative of the Duke of Devonshire. Soon afterward her own daughter, Miss Georgine Wilde, became the Countess Carlo Dentice de Frasso.

In 1908 Mrs. Siegel returned to New York, where Miss Dorothy Wilde made her debut at one of the most costly functions New York ever saw.

The next two years were spent in London and Paris.

But 1912 was the year of Mrs. Siegel's crowning triumphs in a social way and money flowed like water when at elaborate apartments in the Avenue Malakoff, Paris, she entertained one after another, the Infanta Eulalia of Spain, the Countess Esterhazy of Austria, and the Princess Hohenlohe of Germany. In addition to these she gave entertainments at a club in the Bois de Boulogne whose gorgeousness and display stunned even Paris.

By this time his wife's lavish spending is said to have alarmed Siegel and they agreed to separate, he allowing her the \$25,000 annually. Then her social star began to wane. Last year she did not entertain lavishly in Paris and since her return to New York she has been in practical retirement.

And, in the meantime, girls were working in the Siegel department stores for \$6 a week.